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SUBJ: PRE-UNGA CONSULATIONS: AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATION AT UNGA SECVISIT:33RD UNGA

REFS: (A) STATE 172400 (B) STATE 184758

1. AUSTRALIAN VERY MUCH APPRECIATE OFFER OF PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS. WHILE THEY REALIZE THAT CANBERRA IS A LONG WAY FROM WASHINGTON AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO HAVE PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS IN EITHER NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON. THEY BELIEVE IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL IF IO/UNP ROBERT BARRY COULD TRAVEL TO CANBERRA FOR THE OPPORTUNITY IT WOULD OFFER TO EXPOSE A WIDER RANGE OF WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS IN DFA AND OTHER GOA ENTITIES TO AMERICAN THINKING RE UNGA. THE LAST TWO YEARS HAVE SEEN CONSIDERABLE EVOLUTION IN US THINKING ABOUT OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND WHILE GOA IS SATISIFIED WITH THE FEEDBACK IT'S RECEIVING FROM ITS MISSIONS IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK, THERE WOULD BE SOME MERIT IN EXPOSING US VIEWS DIRECTLY TO A LARGER NUMBER OF GOA OFFICIALS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS. WE BELIEVE OPTIMUM TIME FOR A VISIT BY BARRY, SHOULD HE BE ABLE TO COME, WOULD BE THE WEEK BEGINNING AUGUST 28 OR AFTER. GOA WOULD, HOWEVER, WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE HIM HERE AT ANY TIME CONVENIENT TO HIM.

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2. GOA DELEGATION TO UNGA (REF B) WILL BE HEADED BY FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREW PEACOCK, WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A.D. CAMPBELL (FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND CONSULAR DIVISIONS, DFA) AND A SMALL STAFF. BALANCE OF GOA DELEGATION WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: DAVID ANDERSON (NEW AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR TO UN); FIRST COMMITTEE - JOHN

BROOK (AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR IN HANOI); SECOND COMMITTEE - R.J. GREET (MINISTER, AUSTRALIAN MISSION TO UN); THIRD VTMMITTEE - JOHN LESLIE LAVETT (AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR IN RANGOON); FOURTH COMMITTEE - IAN JAMES, CONSUL, AUSTRALIAN UN MISSION); FIFTH COMMITTEE - DAVID COLIN GOSS (AUSTRALIAN CONSUL GENERAL IN CHICAGO); AND SIXTH COMMITTEE - HUGH GILCHRIST (AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR IN MADRID).

3. PEACOCK'S TRAVEL PLANS ARE NOT YET KNOWN; DEPARTMENT AND USUN WILL BE INFORMED WHEN WE HAVE MORE ON THIS. WE UNDERSTAND PEACOCK INITIALLY WANTED TO SPEAK ON SEPT. 24, BUT NOW MAY BE THINKING ABOUT THE END OF THE FIRST WEEK IN OCTOBER INSTEAD.
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